

House Resolution 1696

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, McCall of the 30th, and England of the 108th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Oconee County Future Farmers of America and inviting
2 them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Oconee County High School FFA won first place in the National
4 Environmental Natural Resources Career Development Event at the 80th National FFA
5 Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

6 WHEREAS, highlights of this year's convention included national recognition for both
7 student and chapter success, and team and individual accomplishments were on display for
8 the 50,000 conference attendees; and

9 WHEREAS, in the team competition, Oconee High School FFA members Stuart Graham,
10 Samantha Kickbush, Taylor Quackenbush, and Patrick Savelle competed against 42 teams
11 from across the nation to win first place; and

12 WHEREAS, each student received a \$1,000.00 scholarship, and Stuart Graham was the 3rd
13 high scoring individual in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, individual accomplishments were attained by North Oconee FFA member Eli
15 Garrett and Oconee High School FFA member Patrick Savelle who represented Georgia in
16 their respective proficiency award programs after winning at the state level and competed as
17 national finalists in the FFA Proficiency Award Program, with Eli's proficiency area being
18 environmental science and natural resources management and Patrick's being home and
19 community development; and

20 WHEREAS, Oconee High School FFA members Katherine Bell and Heather Savelle
21 received individual honors at the convention, with Katherine receiving the highest individual
22 honor that an FFA member can achieve by earning her American FFA degree, and Heather
23 was Georgia's FFA representative as a National FFA Officer candidate and she made it

1 through the nominating committee interviews and became a finalist in the National Officer
2 selection process; and

3 WHEREAS, as these young people have demonstrated an exemplary dedication to the FFA
4 and their community, it is fitting and proper to commend them on this occasion.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body recognize the Oconee County FFA, commend them for their
7 accomplishments, and invite them to appear before this body at a date and time designated
8 by the Speaker of the House for the purpose of being recognized and receiving appropriate
9 copies of this resolution.